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1. FOLLOWING ARE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING NARCOTICS AND TURKEY.

2. WHILE IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK, TURKISH MISSION'S DCM ARIM REPORTEDLY
WAS TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL THAT GOT'S NARCOTICS POLICY
REMAINS AS ENUNCIATED BY PREVIOUS GOVT, NAMELY, POPPIES ARE TO BE
CULTIVATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PRODUCTION OF POPPY STRAW ON ASSUMPTIONS
THAT ALKALOIDS FACTORY CAN BE CONSTRUCTED AND THAT COMPENSATION WILL
BE AVAILABLE FARMERS IF NECESSARY. DURING VISIT ANKARA DEC 8-14, DND
OFFICIAL MANBY RECEIVED ASSURANCES TO SAME EFFECT FROM SOYLEMEZ OF
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. LONG-AWAITED FORMAL REQUEST FOR UN ASSISTANCE RELATED SEPT 12
GOT DECISION WAS RECEIVED BY MARTENS IN LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR KIRCA
DATED DEC 16. LETTER (TEXT POUCHED) REQUESTS URGENT CONSULTATIONS
CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF ALKALOIDS FACTORY AND QUESTION OF POSSIBLE
COMPENSATION TO POPPY FARMERS. SINCE KIRCA'S LETTER REFERS TO
HIS PREVIOUS REQUESTS TO MARTENS, CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT IN LAW
ENFORCEMENT IS ALSO ENVISAGED.

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4. WE ARE WORKING BEHIND-THE-SCENES WITH UN OFFICIALS ON TERMS OF

REFERENCE FOR UN EXPERT TEAM. WE ARE URGING BROADEST FEASIBLE MANDATE OF DECISION GO STRAW ROUTE, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCTION CONTROLS, ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, CONSTRUCTION OF ALKALOIDS FACTORY, ARRANGEMENTS FOR STRAW EXPORT UNTIL FACTORY OPERATIONAL AND POSSIBLE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS.

5. PURSUANT DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH MARTENS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO, DND DEPUTY DIRECTOR KANDEMIR, IN CONSULTATION WITH WELLMAN AND OTHERS, IS MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UN EXPERT TEAM TO VISIT TURKEY. PLAN IS FOR TEAM TO CONVENE GENEVA JAN 6, DEPART FOR ANKARA JAN 8 AND REMAIN IN TURKEY UNTIL AROUND JAN 25. PROPOSED SCHEDULE BEING COMMUNICATED TO TURKISH MISSION JAN 18 BUT QUICK GOT APPROVAL IS ANTICIPATED.

6. AS REPORTED REFTEL, UN TEAM IS TO BE HEADED BY SIR HARRY GREENFIELD WHO IS TO BE ACCORDED TITLE OF "SPECIAL CONSULTANT, UNFDAC". OTHER MEMBERS ARE: MANBY (DND OFFICIAL AND ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST), BRAENDEN (CHEMIST AND HEAD OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY) AND QUENTIN JONES (AGRONOMIST, USDA, SERVING AS UN CONSULTANT). KANDEMIR WOULD LIKE ALSO INCLUDE IN TEAM INDIVIDUAL WITH ECONOMICS/BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND IS NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBLE CANDIDATES.

7. WHILE IN ANKARA DEC 8-14, MANBY WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR UN ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. PROGRAM ENVISAGES TWO SEMINARS TO BE CONDUCTED ANKARA FEB 7 TO MARCH 7 AND MARCH 10-26. PROGRAM ALSO COMTE M- PLATES ATTENDANCE BY TURKISH POLICE OFFICIALS AT COURSES CONDUCTED GENEVA AT DND'S CENTRAL TRAINING UNIT AS WELL AS STUDY TOUR BY 5 OR 6 TURKISH POLICE OFFICERS IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. DETAILS OF ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM ARE DEALT WITH SEPTEL.

8. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT ANKARA, MANBY WAS SHOWN TEXT OF TENDER ALREADY PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE, INVITING OFFERS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ALKALOIDS FACTORY. MANBY SAYS THAT TENDER ENVISAGES "TURN-KEY" ARRANGEMENT, TENDERER TO SUPPLY ALL PLANS AND MACHINERY, IS ALSO TO TRAIN NECESSARY TURKISH STAFF, WITH TURKISH CONTRACTOR TO DO ACTUAL BIDDING. BIDS ARE TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL FEB 14 AND ARE TO BE OPENED FEB 20. GOT OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UN

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CONSULTANTS CAN BE IN ANKARA ON FEB 20 TO DISCUSS TENDERS WITH TURKISH EXPERTS. GOT OFFICIALS MADE CLEAR THAT QUESTION OF POSSIBLE HELP FOR FINANCING OF FACTORY IS NOT AT PRESENT UNDER CONSIDERATION AND ACCORDINGLY NO UN COOPERATION THIS ASPECT IS REQUESTED AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

9. MANBY COMMENTS HE CONSIDERS THAT TENDER DOCUMENT AS DRAWN UP BY

TMO DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPECIFICATIONS TO PERMIT SERIOUS OFFERS TO BE DRAWN UP AND THAT TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC TERMINOLOGY IS INCORRECT. NOTE HE UNDERSTANDS FROM TALKS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE TURKISH OFFICIALS THAT TERMS OF TENDER ARE SO IMPRECISE THAT UNDER TURKISH LA
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THEY COULD GIVE RISE TO LEGAL COMPLICATIONS OF "ENORMOUS PROPORTIONS" WHICH COULD SUBSTANTIALLY DELAY FACTORY'S CONSTRUCTION. MANBY ANTICIPATES THAT UPCOMING GREENFIELD MISSION WILL PURSUE PROBLEMS POSED BY CURRENT TEXT OF TENDER WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES, AND PROBABLY WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE, WITH VIEW PROMOTING PUBLICATION IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF CLARIFYING ANNEX WHICH WOULD ALSO EXTEND CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANBY'S VIEWS AND CONCERNS ARE SHARED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE TURKISH OFFICIALS WHO HOPE THAT CLARIFYING ANNEX CAN BE PUBLISHED ASAP.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT QUENTIN JONES IS AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS CONSULTANT ON GREENFIELD TEAM. WE ARE INFORMED THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE SAME AS THOSE WHICH OBTAINED WHEN JONES RECENTLY SERVED AS CONSULTANT UN LABORATORY, NAMELY, UN WILL PAY TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT THOMAS COOK TRAVEL AGENCY WASHINGTON TO ISSUE TICKETS. UN WOULD LIKE JONES' SERVICES FOR ONE MONTH, I.E., UNTIL FEB 5, LAST WEEK TO BE SPENT GENEVA TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF TEAM'S REPORT. ABRAMS

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